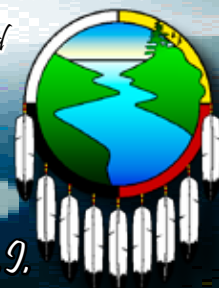


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From L.R.B.O.I.

(The following information comes from a weekly update supplied to the Ogema concerning the tribal government, local communities and issues that affect overall tribal business.)

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Kelsey Hearing! Tribal Council has scheduled a hearing regarding the removal of Council member Norbert Kelsey on January 25th at 10 a.m. at the Three Fires Conference Center. The Council letter of notification reads in part:

On Wednesday, January 13, 2010, during its Regular Meeting, the Tribal Council adopted Resolution #10-0113-07, to provide notice to Norbert J. Kelsey, Outlying Representative of Tribal Council, of its intent to conduct a Public Hearing regarding removal from office.

Councilor Kelsey is charged with Gross Misconduct and Malfeasance in Office, under Article X, Section 3 of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Constitution.

Click here for LRBOI Job Postings

<http://www.lrboi.com/hr/index.html>

Click here for LRRCR Employment

<http://www.lrcr.com/employment.html>

Rental Housing Available

The Little River Band Housing Department will have two rental homes for lease at Aki Maadiziwin.

Construction will be complete and the homes will be available after January 1, 2010. The homes have three bedrooms, two bathrooms, full basement and two car attached garages.

These homes are market based rentals, Tribal member families are not required to be low income. The homes rent for \$625.00 per month plus utilities. Security/Pet deposits and references are required. Background checks will be conducted, as with all residents at Aki. These homes are not HUD funded homes, therefore, we do not follow HUD guidelines.

**If you would like an application, please call Chad Gehrke in the Housing Department
Toll Free 1.888.723.8288 or direct at 231.398.6878.**



Police Blotter

The Tribal Public Safety Department will soon begin publishing a 'Police Blotter'. The information will be redacted (names removed) but will show the types of incidents handled by our Police Officers. This is just another step in our efforts to keep our tribal citizens informed of their government departments' activities.

2010 Annual Goonignebig Tournament.

It's time to start planning for the Snow Snake tournament here at LRBOI! The date is the 13th of February and it will be held at the Community Center by Aki Maadiziwin. To register, please call 1-888-723-8288, ext. 6895 or email Vchandler@lrboi.com. The tournament is sponsored by the Tribal Historic Preservation Department.

Warriors Society updates:

Iraq/Afghanistan. The Warriors Society wants to know if you have family members currently on active duty in either of these two theatres of operation. If so, please send the information to the Warriors Society at 375 River Street, Manistee, MI 49660



Elders Meeting:
First Saturday of
every month

Wii Bowling League.

There's a meeting Wed. Jan 27, 5:30 p.m. at the Aki Community Center to form a Wii bowling league/activity. If you have family/friends interested, they are welcome. The league will begin the week of Feb. 22 after work. You can either form your own 4 person team or we can set you up individually to play. Come join in the fun, meet new people or visit with those you already know. Beat the winter blues, get a little exercise. If you have any questions or want to sign up contact Holly Davis at ext. 6610 or the Community Health Representative office at ext. 6629.

Cabin Fever Camp Scheduled

Youth Camp Cabin Fever Reliever...Come join in a day of fun activities on January 25, 2010 from 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Aki Community Center. Breakfast, lunch and snacks will be provided. For more information contact Holly Davis Community Health Nurse 231-398-6610 or Community Health Representatives 231-398-6629

The summer youth camp will be Aug. 2-13, 2010.

Watch the Rapid River News and Currents for more details.

The Enrollment Department would like to remind all Tribal Members who have not filled out a Beneficiary form or a PerCap Beneficiary form needs to contact our office. Please remember that these forms have to be notarized. There are still some Tribal Members who need to update their addresses. If you have moved, are moving in the near future or know someone who has moved please contact our office to update the address. This form has to be notarized as well.

Payment Delays

It has come to the attention of the Enrollment Department that there have been a number of situations whereby access to Per Capita and Bereavement Benefit payments have been hindered because of the individual who is listed as the beneficiary. The cause of the problem has been due to the listing of a minor child as the beneficiary. The Enrollment Department is recommending that if you currently have a minor child listed as the beneficiary on either your Per Capita or Bereavement Benefit form that you may want to consider changing that person to an adult to eliminate any future problems associated with the distribution of those funds on your behalf.

Traditional Healer scheduled

Traditional Healer ~ JD Gibson will be here Tuesday, January 26th. If you would like an appointment please call Julie at 231.398.6632

(Kateri Circle)

"Parents have to demonstrate the value of trust, respect, and honor."

--Haida Gwaii, Traditional Circle of Elders

Children learn more by watching than by listening. If we want our children to understand and value trust, they know it by watching how adults live their lives! If we want the children to be respectful, they will observe what the adults do and say to each other. We need to walk our talk. We need to remember the children are watching.

Grandfather, help me learn these important values: Trust, Respect, and Honor.

Commissions/Committees:

The following commissions have current openings.

Gaming Commission	2 openings
Natural Resources	1 opening
Binojeeuk	3 openings

All other commission seats available have been filled.

Youth Build Manistee. Northwest Michigan Works! is expanding the YouthBuild program to include Manistee/Benzie, Traverse City, and Beaver Island. A national program, Youth-Build trains high school drop-out youth, ages 18 to 24, in the construction trades. Hands-on learning takes place in building affordable housing within the community. The youth spend 50% of their time on academics -- obtaining a high school diploma or preparing for the GED. For more information or an application form contact David Hawley, LRBOI Workforce Development Specialist (ext 6842). Link for more information: <http://www.nwm.org/youthbuild.asp>

The new 2009 Tribal Directories are done. If you want one of these Directories, you can either email the Enrollment Department or submit a written request to the Enrollment Department asking for this Directory. We will send it to you through the mail or you can pick one up in the office.

Government Weather Closing Policy. The tribal government has issued the 2009 Weather Closing Policy. When Manistee Area Schools announce a closing due to weather, the government offices will have a delayed open to 10 a.m. The same is true for the Muskegon Government Office and their school system.

Woodland Indian Art Exhibit

This museum in Traverse City is in the midst of a nice exhibit featuring Woodland Indian arts and crafts. Use this link to see more. <http://www.dennosmuseum.org/exhibitions/current/2009-exhibitions/woodland-indians.html>

Intern Program:

The 2010 Michigan State University (MSU) Tribal Natural Resource Internship Program has announced a call for proposals. This annual internship program is designed to provide MSU undergraduate students with professional experiences in natural resource and environmental management by placing them in the offices of tribes and tribal organizations. The program helps students gain practical skills, experience and knowledge including competencies about tribal resource management. Tribes gain access to skilled interns from the cadre of natural resource and environmental related majors at MSU. After reviewing tribal and student applications, MSU will work with selected tribal offices to co-determine students who best meet the needs of tribal programs. The interns will work full-time for approximately 3 months over the summer field season. Any tribal government department interested in submitting a proposal may obtain additional information from David Hawley, LRBOI Workforce Development Specialist, at 231-398-6842 or e-mail dhawley@lrboi.com. In addition, MSU students, especially American Indian students at MSU, interested in learning about tribal natural resource and environmental management are encouraged to apply.

This information is subject to change without prior notice. Updated: 12-8-09

If you are interested in a hearing, please call the Tribal Court office (231-398-3406) the day before to confirm the schedule.

CO - Cora Offense/Conservation
DM - Divorce with children
EB - Election Board Appeal
FSJ - Foreign Support Judgment
GM - Guardianship of Minor
JV - Juvenile
NC - Name Change
TA - Trust Access

CS - Child Support
DO - Divorce w/o children
EM - Emancipation of Minor
GA - Gaming Appeal
GR - Employment Matter
LT - Landlord Tenant
PF - Probate
TM - Tribal Misdemeanor

CT - Civil Ticket
EA - Enrollment Appeal
FJ - Foreign Judgment
GC - General Civil
JC - Judicial Complaint
NA - Neglect Abuse
PPO - Personal Protection Order
WC - Workmen's Compensation

Monday, January 18, 2010; Judge Bailey

•10:00 a.m. 09253DM Pretrial - Miller v. Miller

Thursday, January 21, 2010; Judge Melissa Pope

•10:00 a.m. 08195GC Motion Hrgs. - Sam et al v. Kelsey et al

Friday, January 22, 2010; Appellate Court

•10:00a.m. 09142AP Oral Arguments - Wabsis v. Tribe

Thursday, January 28, 2010; Judge Sherigan

•01:30 p.m. 09169GC Pretrial - Martin v. Tribe



Census Jobs!

A 2010 Census Test will be administered by the U.S. Census Bureau at the LRBOI Muskegon Office (1101 W. Hackley Ave., Muskegon) on Wednesday, January 20, 2010. Testing sessions have been scheduled for 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Tribal members interested in a 2010 Census Bureau position should attend one of the test sessions. In order to qualify for a Census Bureau position, all candidates must first pass a 30 minute written examination, be at least 18 years old or older, be a citizen of the United States and present proof of identity and employment eligibility at the time of the test. In the words of the Census Bureau, "This is an exciting opportunity to enhance your job skills, further your career and improve your community!"

Those wishing to take the 2010 Census Test at the LRBOI Muskegon Office on Wednesday, January 20, should arrive early to register. Please bring proof of identity and employment eligibility.

Carol Gibner, Partnership Assistant Native American Liaison with the 2010 Census, can be reached at 616-214-1526 (Grand Rapids) or e-mail monag1010@yahoo.com if you need additional information. A toll-free number and/or the website link can give you additional information regarding the test and available jobs. A printed brochure from the Census Bureau is available in the Tribal Government Downtown Bank Building lobby. A Practice Test has been attached to this e-mail and a hard copy Practice Test is available from the Workforce Development Specialist.

Toll-Free: 1-866-861-2010

Website: <http://2010.census.gov/2010censusjobs/>

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Come Join the Diabetes Talking Circle

- **Learn:**
- **Myths about diabetes**
- **Diabetes prevention**
- **Diabetes risk factors**
- **Types of diabetes**
- **Eating healthy, dietary guidelines**
- **Reading food labels and shopping for healthy foods**
- **Healthy food preparation**
- **Traditional foods**
- **Routine medical care**

This group can help support your desire to change your eating habits/diet, support a family member with diabetes, and assist you in making changes to be healthier. Starting Tuesday February 2, 2010 5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m. at the Tribal Health Clinic or Wednesday February 3, 2010 1:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m. Aki Community Center. Classes run for 12 weeks. For more information or to sign up for a class contact Holly Davis RN, MSN Diabetes Educator/Community Health Nurse 231-398-6610 or Teresa Johnson Community Health Representative at 231-398-6629.

Election Board Community Meetings will be held on: Saturday, February 6, 2010 at 2 pm at the new Little River Community Center in Manistee. Saturday, February 20, 2010 at 2 pm at the Muskegon Satellite Office in Muskegon.



Election Proposed Regulations. The Tribal Election Board has posted new proposed election regulations for your consideration. The link to the regulations can be found on the tribal website at www.lrboi.com, on the Home page. There is also a "comments" tab which will allow you to send your comments directly to the Election Board by e-mail

Utility Bills delayed.

The Tribal Utility Department is currently changing their billing to an automated system (experiencing technical difficulties) and they will get the bills out as soon as possible. The remittance period has been extended to the 2nd of February.



Nike N7:

This is the first time a price reduction has been applied to this exclusive first-of-its-kind performance shoe. From 1/11/10 to 3/12/10 there will be a 30% price reduction on the four original styles of Nike n7's. This will bring the cost down to \$40.80 a pair. The styles are as follows: **Men's**- Black on Black; White w/Metallic Silver. **Woman's**- White w/ Vivid Blue or White w/Regal Pink (canvas). Contact the clinic at 231.723.8299.

FEMA/Tribal Collaboration.

The tribal Emergency Management Coordinator, TP DO Officer Janelle Cook and the head of the Tribal Emergency Planning group, OPA Director Glenn Zaring, attended a conference in Mt. Pleasant this week with representatives of FEMA; other tribal officials and numerous state-wide emergency response/management officials to discuss ways to improve collaboration and cooperation involving tribes in times of disaster.

Family Services: Our next PFLAG Meeting will be held on Sunday, Jan. 24 at 1 PM at Holy Trinity Church. This will be our sixth meeting and we hope to make some plans for the upcoming year in terms of our goals and how to reach them. We have been so fortunate to have had your support over the past five months. Please do continue your efforts to attend our meeting as we need to identify our goals and decide how we might move forward to achieve them. Hoping to see you on Jan. 24 to help us move forward with our PFLAG efforts.

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If you have any specific questions, ideas or comments regarding this information, please address them to:
The Office of Public Affairs, LRBOI, 375 River Street, Manistee, MI. 49660. 231-398-6840.
Or send them direct to currentscomments@lrboi.com.

Your comments will be forwarded to the right person at the tribal government within 24 hours.